



Summer 2016 JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

The Pumpkins Are Coming!
Follow the Jack-o-lanterns to Wehr's 28th Annual
Halloween Haunts
Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings
October 13, 14 & 15

Hikes start every 7 minutes between 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Halloween Haunts educates families about misunderstood nature in a kooky, slightly spooky way. Enjoy hundreds of exquisite Jack-o-lanterns, learn from friendly characters in the Enchanted Forest and enjoy a magic show and carnival games. Don't miss Milwaukee's premier family Halloween event.

Advance Tickets Required

Friends of Wehr Member Sales Start

Monday, September 12, 9 am

FOW members get priority to purchase tickets for this popular event. You will need to have a current family membership to take advantage of this benefit. You can purchase tickets in person or over the phone with a credit card. To become a member, visit www.friendsofwehr.org or call (414) 425-8550.

General Public Tickets Sales Start

Monday, September 19, 9 am

Don't be a zombie! Purchase your tickets early, or you won't have a ghost of a chance as this event will be a sell-out!

Ticket Prices: \$10 per person

\$7 Milwaukee County Residents & Friends of Wehr Members

Tickets should be picked up at Wehr Nature Center prior to the event. There is a \$5 service fee per order to mail tickets.



Bugs Rule!

Bug Day
Returns!
Sunday, Sept. 18
1-4 pm

Join us as we celebrate the little creatures that run our world at Wehr's 12th Annual Bug Day! At 1:30pm join the "Bug Whisperer" for his high energy show "Who Wants to be an Entomologist?" You'll love this hands on tour of the stranger-than-fiction world of insects and insect relatives! (Weather permitting)

Bug Day Highlights include:

- Eat Bugs at Chef Bill's Creepy Crawlly Cuisine
- Live Insect Zoo featuring Beetles, Roaches, and critters from around the world (petting permitted)
- Bug Discovery Walk - dip, dig, and swoop for insects
- Butterflies - See one of the largest butterfly collections in Wisconsin
- Dress like a bug in special kid-size bug costumes
- Visit "Larva Land", a special pre-school area for the littlest bug fans
- Live Beekeeping demonstration

Join us for all the buggy fun!

\$3/person, \$2/Friend of Wehr, 2yrs & under FREE, \$3 Parking Fee



Pamper yourself from head to toe! This casual yet classy night offers products and services from over fifteen local business women who support women and nature. Spend a summer evening learning about healthy lifestyle options, all natural beauty products, how to fit athletic shoes, stress reducers, and so much more. Twiglery Jewelry, Margo's Boutique, and other local artists will have items for sale. A fantastic raffle to support the Friends of Wehr Accessibility Project will offer more opportunities to shop. Beverages and snacks will be available. *A Free Event for Adults over 21; \$3 Parking Fee*

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30-8:30 pm



Center News

Bev Bryant Receives National Award

The Wehr Nature Center is happy to announce that one of our own has been presented with a prestigious national award for her work with the fifth graders of Ben Franklin Elementary School in Franklin. Naturalist, Bev Bryant was named the Outstanding Environmental Educator of the Year at the 2016 National Science Teachers Association Conference. With 55,000 members, the National Science Teachers Association is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning. Bev was nominated for this award by the students and teachers of Ben Franklin Elementary School in the Franklin Public School District. The students created a clever nomination video and submitted "Miss Bev's" name with the help of their teachers. See the video at: <https://youtu.be/dkiuHd7ZkBA>

"We are so proud to honor Ms. Bryant as she helps to inspire the next generation of informed citizens, scientists, engineers, and innovators who can embrace all that science can offer," said NSTA President Carolyn Hayes. "We congratulate Ms. Bryant for her lifelong commitment to science education and for her innovative and creative approach to teaching our students science."

This award recognizes and rewards one outstanding teacher of the next generation conservation leaders each year. It is sponsored by SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Entertainment, one of many corporations that sponsor and rewards outstanding conservation leaders each year. Included with the honor of recognition was a \$10,000 grant to support the award winner's project and an expense-paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee last April.



Through a partnership with Ben Franklin Elementary School, Bev and her students developed a project to transform the school's degraded oak woods into a healthy forest and outdoor learning lab. Since 2012 over 250 fifth- and sixth-graders have removed buckthorn and litter, identified woodland plants and animals, researched the history of the forest, made electronic field guides and a website, built bird houses, and planned and created a nature trail. The forest is now open and accessible to students and neighbors, and littering has decreased.

Congratulations, Bev. Your skills as an educator and dedication to kids and the environment make us proud to be on your team.

COME DANCE ON OUR STAGE!

Improvements and renovations keep happening at Wehr Nature Center thanks to Friends of Wehr and our community of donors. In May and June work on re-surfacing the amphitheater stage caused only minor disruptions and has provided us with a beautiful new stage deck with an accessible ramp. For the first time, wheelchairs and walkers can navigate the stage. We've noticed that children are drawn to the stage for their impromptu dances and plays. Why should they have all the fun?

Plantings of native plants around the amphitheater were started in summer and should be completed this fall when part of the adjoining areas will be seeded with seed from our own woodland. The renewed amphitheater is ready to be enjoyed by everyone. Our visitors may have noticed that the amphitheater is yet to be filled with benches. We still have three more rows to install for it to be completed. So donations for these attractive and permanent benches (including plaques) can still be made. What a lovely and lasting tribute!



Friends of Wehr is in the process of approving the plans for replacing the old asphalt front walk ways with permeable pavers. If you already purchased a paver for the front walkway area and have not seen it, we appreciate your patience. FOW is working very hard to get through all the big and small challenges to get it done this year. Engraved pavers can still be purchased for this area as well as the amphitheater area.



Friends of Wehr has also received Park's Amenity Matching Funds for contracting for the new accessible family restroom design. The renovated restrooms will be the final phase of the accessibility project. You can be part of this generous community of donors to help keep us moving our accessibility project forward. Please come to the Center to take a look at the very tasteful and thoughtful messages on the pavers and bench plaques and consider them as gifts for family and friends or a way to remember loved ones.



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Thank You!

Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.

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Autumn Fun for the Whole Family

Press Apple Cider

Taste Homemade Apple Butter

Create Your Own Autumn Crafts

Go On a Guided Nature Walk

Bid in the Raffle and Silent Auction

Feast On Our Famous Apple Desserts

Purchase local apples from Patterson's Orchard

Admission: \$3/PERSON; 2yrs & Under Are Free

FREE for Friends of Wehr Members

Join FOW on Cider Sunday and get a whole year of free parking, discounts
in the Nature Store, program discounts, and
access to early ticket sales for Halloween Haunts.



OCTOBER 2, 2016

11:30am - 4:30pm



Music by the Bluegrass All Stars

Thank you to Jackie Crivello's
Wild Birds Unlimited for their continuing
support in keeping our feeders full and our
birds happy. Please support their business
located at 4454 S. 108th St. Greenfield.



Enjoy Gourmet Cooking In the Beauty of Nature

Staci Joers' Cooking with Class: Herb Garden Gourmet

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30-9 pm

Come hungry! Enjoy sipping a glass of wine while we watch Staci Joers demonstrate how
to prepare a 3-course meal using fresh herbs. She will prepare Warm Goat Cheese on
Garlic Pitas with Sun-dried Tomatoes & Freshly Made Pesto, Rosemary Roast Pork Loin
with Thyme Gravy, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Chives, and individual Almond
Tortes with Fresh Berries & Spiced Cream. We will sample each dish. Recipes included!

Fees: \$30 per person; \$25 for Friends of Wehr Members



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Nature Volunteer News

Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

Dotty's Crafters: Wednesdays, July 6, August 3, September 7, September 28, 1-3 pm

Earth Care Crew: (Plant related tasks – on the job training provided) **Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9-11 am**

Bug Day: Sunday, September 18, 1-4 pm

Teaching Naturalist Trainings:

Puppet Show and Possum Adventures programs

Wednesday, September 7, 9 am– Noon

Ecosystems and Nature's Neighborhoods

Thursday, September 8, 9 am – Noon

Soil Secrets

Friday, September 9, 9 am – Noon



Ongoing Opportunities

Phenology, Wheel 'n Chip Society, Critter Care, Office Work and more!

To find descriptions of volunteer opportunities, become a volunteer and sign-up to help go to: <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/volunteer/>. Fill out an online application or contact Mary Gaub at mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu or 414-425-8550 *Click to email!*



New volunteers are always welcome!



Bug Day volunteering

Changes Have Happened!

It's hard to believe, but September 1, 2016 marks the one year anniversary of the launch of Wehr's new volunteer management system, Volgistics. Thanks to all the volunteers who have so graciously undertaken this challenge of navigating a new system. The Volunteer Team has already started seeing the benefits of managing our volunteers' data electronically. As with any new endeavor, there are always a few bumps in the road, but for the most part, it appears that things are running smoothly. We are always seeking to improve and we would appreciate your feedback. Please feel free to email or call Emily or Mary with your comments on how you like the new system. And as always, if you have any questions, or still need to be set up in Volgistics, we are here to help.

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emily.brown@milwaukeecountywi.gov

New! Volunteer Handbook

As part of Wehr's completion of becoming certified as a Service Enterprise this past year, a Wehr Volunteer Handbook was created. This handbook is now given out in printed form to all as part of their orientation process. It gives information on the who, what, and where of how volunteers operate at Wehr. So if you need a little light reading at bedtime check out the new handbook. It is available on the Friends of Wehr website. <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/>



New Volunteers

The following new people joined Wehr's volunteer crew between February 1 and April 15, 2016. Please say "Hi" and welcome them to the Wehr family the next time you see them.

Tim Carlson

Laura Curry

Shirley Erwin

Annette Kirchen

Janet Machi

Mary Maclaren



Save the Date

Mark your calendar now for Wehr's Annual Volunteer Recognition Event
Sunday, November 6, 2016
Noon-3 pm.



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Happy 4th  Wehr Nature Center Is Closed	5	6 Hike for Health 10:30 am Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	7 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	8	9
10	11	12 Staci Joers' Cooking with Class: Herb Garden Gourmet 6:30-9 pm	13 Hike for Health 10:30 am	14 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	15 	16
17 Yoga for Wellness 8-9 am 	18 Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon	19	20 Hike for Health 10:30 am Ladies Night Out 	21 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	22	23 Night Sky Viewing WAS (off-site) 8-10 pm
24 Yoga for Wellness 8-9 am NatureNauts 1-2 pm Yoga for Wellness 8-9 am 	25 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	26	27 Hike for Health 10:30 am	28 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	29  For Adults 8-10 pm  For Families 7-9 pm	30 Yoga Among the Trees 8-10 am 
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AUGUST

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28 NatureNauts 1-2 pm	29 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	30	31 Hike for Health 10:30 am			

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	2	3
	4	5 Labor Day Wehr Nature Center Is Closed 	6	7 Hike for Health 10:30 am Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am- Noon Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	8 EarthCare Crew 9-11 am Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-Noon Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	9 Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-Noon 10 Camera Club 9-11 am
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18  Bug Day 1-4 pm	19 Halloween Haunts Tickets On Sale To The Public 9 am Yoga for Wellness 6-7 pm 	20	21 Hike for Health 10:30 am Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society "Saving the Piping Plover", Heather Neldner, Milw. County Zoo 7 pm	22 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	23	24 Fall Bike Hike 9 am-noon
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Nature Discovery For Children

Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult Times: 9:30-10:30 am for Two Year Olds
11am- Noon for Three Year Olds



Buzzy Bees Monday, July 18

Buzz on over to Wehr to enjoy this honey of a program! Tots will make their own honey bee costume and then buzz around learning the many jobs of a worker bee. We will visit with the bees in our display hive and enjoy a snack of their honey.

Turtle Time Monday, August 8

Tots love turtles! We will read *Box Turtle at Long Pond* by William T. George, make a turtle craft, and eat a snack of favorite turtle foods. Wehr's resident turtles will be on hand for the children to meet and touch, and we will walk to the pond to search for turtles, weather permitting.

Wiggly Worms

Monday, September 12

Worms are wonderful! Tots will get a chance to touch a real worm, make some wormy art, and even eat a worm (gummy, of course!). We will read *Wonderful Worms* by Linda Glaser and take a short walk to dig up some slimy friends.

NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult Times: 1-2 pm for Sunday Classes
9:30-10:30 am for Monday Classes

Super Spiders Sunday, July 24 & Monday, July 25

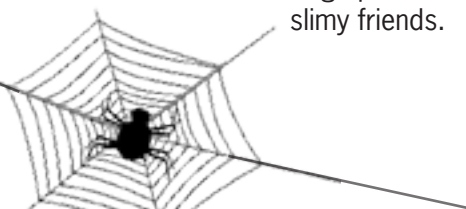
You won't be frightened away as we uncover the facts on our eight-legged neighbors. Join us to play a spider game, make a spider craft, and meet real live spiders up close. It will be lots of Spidery fun!

Buzzy Bees Sunday, August 28 & Monday, August 29

Discover the buzz on busy bees! NatureNauts will learn what "busy as a bee" means as they do the "bee dance", make a craft bee, and dress up like a beekeeper. We will peer into an active hive and taste the sweet handwork of our bee friends.

Chipmunk Chatter Sunday September 25 & Monday, September 26

Discover the underground world of chipmunks. NatureNauts will learn the ins and outs of being a chipmunk as they crawl into a "chipmunk tunnel", search for chipmunk food, and make their own craft chipmunk. Making an appearance will be a special chipmunk related guest.



Pre-registration is required for all children's programs Deadline is the Friday before the program date
Fees: \$10 per child \$7 Milwaukee County Residents \$5 Friends of Wehr Members

For summertime activity gear and back to school....Shop at AmazonSmile and they will give back to Wehr Nature Center! Just switch your regular Amazon account to AmazonSmile-all the same shopping, shipping, etc. - even Prime. Pick Friends of Wehr as your charity. Amazon Smile gives .05% of your purchases to WNC! And that will make us ALL smile!!

[Click here to start helping today!](#)

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Nature Discovery for Adults

New! Yoga Comes to Wehr

Beginners and experienced yoga enthusiasts are invited to enjoy yoga in the beauty of Wehr Nature Center.

Yoga for Wellness

Session I: **Sunday Mornings, July 17, 24, & 31, 8-9 am**

Pre-register by Friday, July 15

Session II: **Sunday Mornings, August 7, 14, & 21, 8-9 am**

Pre-register by Friday, August 5

Session III: **Monday Evenings, Sept. 12, 19, & 26, 6-7 pm**

Pre-register by Friday, September 10

Join Yoga instructor, Katy Martens for a series of outdoor yoga surrounded by the beautiful sights and sounds of Wehr Nature Center. You will be guided through a series of yoga postures, relaxation exercises, and stress reduction techniques. No prior yoga experience is required.

Fee per session: \$35 per person

\$25 for Members of the Friends of Wehr

Yoga Among the Trees

Saturday, July 30, 8-10 am

Let nature and trees inspire a healthier you with a new twist on yoga. Join yoga instructor, Katy Martens along with an arborist for a morning of mindful walking, calm reflection, gentle yoga and meditation on the area's trees. Gain seasonal insights as you walk the peaceful trails and learn a bit about trees. After our walk you will be led through a series of gentle yoga poses, giving you time to relax and reflect on the morning's teachings.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, July 27

Fees: \$17 per person

\$12 for Friends of Wehr Members

WISCONSIN Master Naturalist



Master Naturalist Workshop

Plant Diseases of Wisconsin Forests

Saturday, August 27, 9 am-noon

There's more to the forest than meets the eye.

Mammals, birds, and trees are the most obvious

life in the forest, but not the most common. Instead bacteria, fungi, viruses, and insects are the true rulers of the forest. Join us for a hands-on workshop to introduce the common plant diseases of Wisconsin's deciduous forest. Learn basic disease identification and the effects of disease, both positive and negative on Wisconsin woodlands.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, August 24

Fee: \$25 per person

Hike for Health

Hike along with this group that walks Wehr's trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Every Wednesday. Time: 10:30 am

No fee or registration required; regular parking fee in effect

Walk Our Way at Wehr

Walk for fitness with DiAnn Stasik, owner of Home Fitness, LLC. Program accommodates people at all fitness levels and can be modified to meet individual needs. **Meets Thurs. 1-2 pm**
July- 7, 14, 21, & 28 August - 4, 11, 18, & 25 September - 8, 15, 22, & 29

*For fees and more information go to
[Friends of Wehr website](#)*

Birding Beyond the Feeder: The Mystery of Migration

Saturday, September 17, 9 am-noon

Curious about the comings and goings of birds? Explore some of the mysteries, misconceptions, and theories of migration. A birding hike is included in the session. For eager early-riser registrants, there will be a pre-session hike at 7:30 am.

Pre-registration required by Friday, September 16

Fees: \$15 per person \$12 for Milwaukee County Residents \$10 for Friends of Wehr Members



EXPLORE NIGHT TIME NATURE AT WEHR

For Adults

Friday, July 29, 8-10 pm

Moths rule the night!

Participate in Moth Night, a Citizen Science event during National Moth Week. We will explore the diverse and marvelous world of moths and discover how their adaptations make them masters of the darkness. After an indoor presentation, we go outside to monitor bait stations and record our findings.

Fees: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents \$5 for Friends of Wehr Members Registration is required by the Thursday before the program. These programs are for adults only; see the ["Nature Discovery for Families" page](#) for family options



For Adults

Friday, August 26, 8-10 pm

Meet real live Bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on Bats. Learn how you can participate in Citizen Science projects to help monitor our diminishing bat neighbors. Enjoy a night hike as we watch and "listen" for bats on our special bat detector.





Nature Discovery for Families

Fireside Fridays

A series of evening nature discovery programs for families. Enjoy a twilight walk and then share a campfire dessert by the fire pit.



Firefly Fun Friday, July 15, 7-9 pm

Discover the fascinating secrets of fireflies, hike to the prairie to look for fireflies and then return to the campfire to toast S'mores.

Night Fliers Friday, August 12, 7-9 pm

Things don't always go bump in the night, sometimes they flutter and fly. This lively campfire program highlights bats, owls, flying squirrels, and other night fliers. Take a short hike to explore the habitats of Wehr under the cover of darkness.

Full Moon Hike Friday, Sept. 16, 7-9 pm

The beacon of the night lights up the darkness, but how much do you really know about the moon? Explore moon myths and discover what really goes on during the full moon. Do crazy things really happen on the full moon? We'll see for ourselves during a 1-hour walk under the "Hunter's Moon".

Fee: \$10 per person \$8 for Milwaukee County Residents \$6 for Friends of Wehr members

Recommended for Ages 5 and older Registration is recommended by the Wednesday before the program



For Families Sat., July 30, 7-9 pm

Discover the marvelous and misunderstood moth! Through games and activities, families will discover how moths are adapted to be masters of the night. After a short indoor presentation about moths, we will explore the night and visit our black light and bait station.

Fee: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents \$5 for Friends of Wehr Members Recommended for ages 6 and older Pre-registration is required by Thursday, July 28

Night Sky Viewing

Saturday, July 23, 8-10 pm

Saturday, August 27, 8-10 pm

Saturday, September 17, 7-10 pm

Look through a telescope and learn about the night sky with experts. Join members of the Wehr Astronomical Society for sky viewing.

NEW DARKER LOCATION!

At the ball field, one block south of Ryan Rd,
9545 S 80th St, Franklin WI (80th does not go through).

Cloudy skies cancel event.

Autumn Bike Hike

Friday, September 24, 9 am-Noon

Take a trip back in time! On a leisurely-paced, guided bike ride you'll explore ancient natural features in the landscape, historic landmarks, and the wildlife of Whitnall Park and Root River Parkway. All participants are required to provide their own bicycles, water, and helmets.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, September 22

Fee: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents

\$5 for Friends of Wehr Members

Recommended for ages 6 and older

Bug Day

**Sunday,
September 18, 1-4 pm**

See front page for details





Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share its passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their websites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.

Wehr Camera Club is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit www.wnccameraclub.com for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday, September to June, from 9-11 am.

Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September to May. Visit www.wimetroaudubon.org for program information.

Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers Inc. supports the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday, September to April. Please call 414 299-9888 ext 2 for program information.

Wehr Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers who promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of February-June and September & November; 1st Tuesday evening in October. Look for us on Facebook.

LETTERBOXING COMES TO WEHR



For all of us who enjoy the trails at Wehr, here's a fun, low-key activity to enhance our hikes. All you need is a small notebook or logbook and a sense of adventure. Letterboxing is an interactive-activity that combines learning, using navigational skills, and rubber stamp artistry. By using "treasure hunting" and storytelling it bridges the gap between the old familiar hide-and-seek and more recent geocaching while teaching basic navigation skills including "dead-reckoning." It also enhances listening and direction-following skills. It can be enjoyed as a group, couples, or family activity. Here's how it's done. Treasure-seekers first need to stop in at the Nature Center to pick up the "Red Bird and the Bear" by Harrison & DiAnn Stasik, which will indicate their starting point, and give directions, and

instructions on the trail. Then proceed to the starting point and hike to look for hidden Letterboxes along the trail. Hikers collect a token from each Letterbox they discover. When they have finished hiking, they return to the Center to turn in their tokens and stamp their notebook-one stamp for each token found. In addition, the Center will have its own Letterbox Logbook at the front desk where travelers from around the world who bring their own stamps can "stamp in". Wehr's Letterbox activity will join the 90,000 or so North American active, hidden Letterboxes. To learn more about Letterboxing, refer to <http://www.letterboxing.org>. Letterboxing Activity sponsored by Home Fitness, LLC.

Don't let summer "BUG" your kids!

Come to the Nature Store to outfit your backyard scientists! We have lots of kits, books, puzzles, projects and more. Lots of great guidebooks, shirts and other summer items for "big" kids too!

FRIENDS OF WEHR NATURE STORE

All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center. Open 8:30 am-4 pm



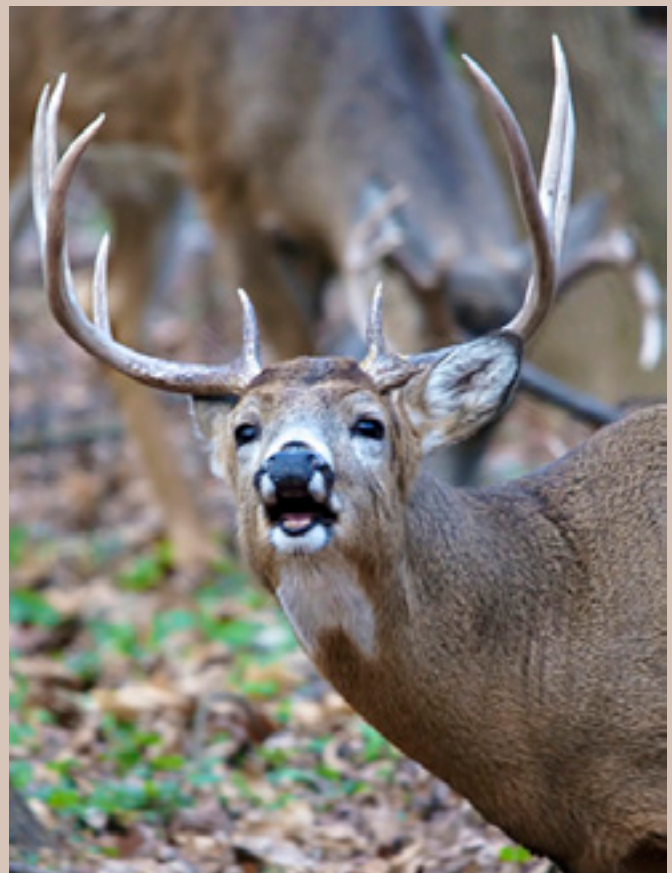
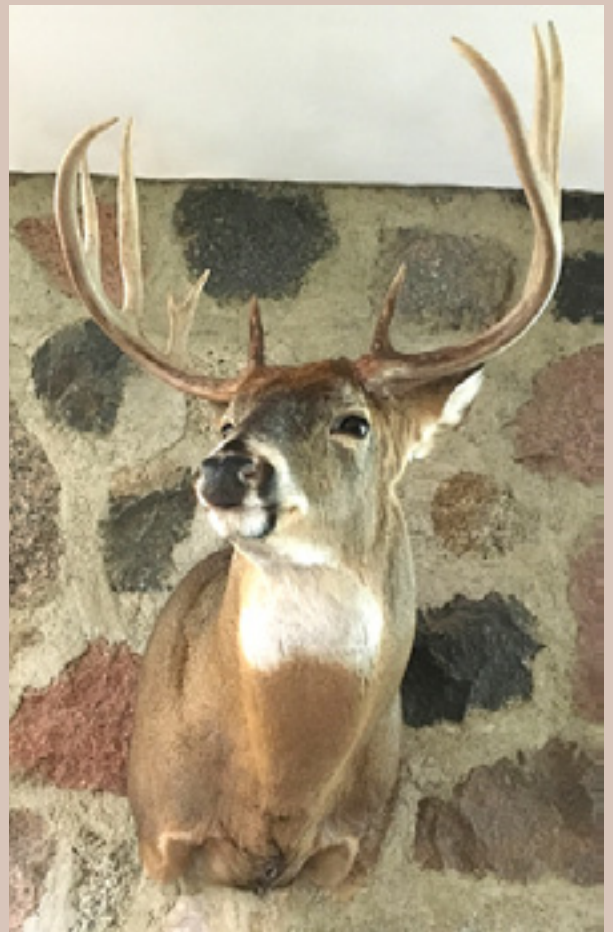
Bow Tie

Wehr Nature Center has a new wildlife ambassador, Bow Tie, a much watched and beloved eleven point white-tailed deer that lived for 8 ½ years in the Menomonee River Parkway. He got his name from the bow-tie shaped white patch on his throat and had many followers that enjoyed observing him year round. Sadly, he was poached in December, 2013. One of his many fans, Jim Bagley, was able to lead DNR wardens to the poacher.

Through the generosity of Jim Bagley, Randy Crawford, (avid photographer of Bow Tie) and taxidermist Bob Lemanczyk, a negative situation has been turned into a positive one. Bow Tie's shoulder mount now resides near the front entrance of Wehr Nature Center where it can be seen by everyone who visits the Center. It will be used as a teaching aid to help visitors learn about the ecology and biology of urban white-tailed deer. Look for a notebook showing many pictures of Bow Tie's life along the Menomonee River Parkway as well as how antlers develop through the year. There will be a place for people to write about Bow Tie if they wish.

Next time you are visiting the Center make sure you stop and admire our newest exhibit.

Bow Tie is truly a majestic specimen of a white-tailed deer.





At Wehr Nature Center

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Open Daily 8-4:30 (Check for holiday hours)
<http://www.friendsofwehr.org>

Upcoming Events



**Saturday,
November 12
5-7:30 pm**



**Saturday,
December 3
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If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money towards their purchase, please contact Carol at (414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax deductible when made to the **Friends of Wehr**.

Membership Application: This is an annual membership from January - December

Mail to: Friends of Wehr 9701 College Ave. Franklin, WI 53132 Make checks payable to Friends of Wehr or renew online at www.friendsofwehr.org

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Supporting	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer (50 hrs)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

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